

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 876

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard Davis Skiles, Jr.,
of Kenton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard Davis Skiles, Jr., of Kenton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skiles was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Humboldt, Richard Skiles, Jr., was the son of Richard Davis and Virginia Dillaha Skiles, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Richard Skiles served with acumen and alacrity as co-owner of Kenton Drugs for forty-three years, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he loved his customers there, many of whom he considered dear friends; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of his community, Mr. Skiles worked with several business friends to keep Kenton School, and after several years, a new kindergarten through fourth-grade building was constructed, which continues to serve the Kenton community; Mr. Skiles served as the secretary and treasurer at the school; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his laudable career, Richard Skiles served as the secretary and treasurer on the Board of Trustees of the Gibson County Electric Membership Cooperation and as chairman of the Alcohol Beverage Commission serving the West Tennessee area; and

WHEREAS, a faithful man of God, Mr. Skiles was an active and devout member of the Kenton United Methodist Church, where he served for many years as the adult Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Richard Skiles was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Marilyn Jones Skiles; he was the proud father of Patrick Skiles (Jennifer), Brandon Skiles (Angela), and Katherine McDonald (Steve) and the loving grandfather of Penelope Skiles, Reece Skiles, Virginia McDonald, Tanner Foy, Ean Foy, and Ada Foy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skiles leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard Davis Skiles, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Skiles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.